## LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

**Reviews the report on the Administration of the Bangalore City Municipality for the year 1937-38.**

READ—

Letter No. A1. 173—38, dated 15th November 1938, from the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City, forwarding the Administration Report of the Municipality for the year 1937-38 together with the resolution of the Municipal Council thereon.

ORDER No. L. 5241-45—ML. 116-38-14, DATED BANGALORE, THE 23RD DECEMBER 1938.

Recorded.

2. *Constitution.*—The strength of the Municipal Council was the same as in the previous year, namely, 30 members, of whom 24 were elected and 6 nominated. Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty was the Honorary President from 1st July 1937 to 27th January 1938. The elections for the offices of the President and Vice-President were held on 29th January 1938, at which Mr. N. Balakrishnaiya, B.A., LL.B., was elected as President and Sri R. Kalyanamma as Vice-President. They continued to hold the respective offices till the end of the year. This is the first time in the history of this Municipality when a lady is elected Vice-President.

In the by-election proposed to be held to fill up the vacancy caused by the disqualification of Mr. K. T. Bashyam Iyengar, he was returned unopposed, as the disqualification was removed by Government, and the election was approved.

Mr. Mirza Azeezulla Beig was appointed as a member of the Municipal Council, *vice* Mr. Abdul Mazeed who became disabled from continuing as a member of the Municipal Council, owing to his continued absence from meetings of the Municipal Council.

3. *Municipal Officers.*—Mr. M. Seshadri, M.A., held the office of the Municipal Commissioner till he handed over charge of the same on 11th October 1937 to Mr. S. Narayana Rao, M.A. (Hons.), who continued as Municipal Commissioner during the remaining portion of the year. Messrs. M. G. Srinivasa Peidpet, L.M.S., B.S.SC., B. S. Narasinga Rao, B.A., B.E., M. A. Basith and K. Rangappa, B.SC., continued as Health Officer, Municipal Engineer, Revenue Officer and Personal Assistant to the Municipal Commissioner, respectively, during the year.

4. *Meetings.*—The Municipal Council held 61 meetings, of which 12 were ordinary, 37 adjourned and 12 special. The number of adjourned meetings which comes to 60 per cent of the total number of meetings held is unusually large and points to the necessity of the Municipal Council showing greater expedition in the despatch of business.

5. *Committees.*—There were seven committees. The Managing Committee held 22 meetings (10) and the City Improvement Committee 17 meetings (5). The Committees continued to work satisfactorily and disposed of the items of business referred to them. The City Improvement Committee disposed of all the subjects referred to it for opinion. Rules and bye-laws for the levy of a tax on arts, professions, trades, etc., were sanctioned by Government in Government Order No. L. 9189-90—Ml. 105-36-27, dated 7th May 1938.

6. *Finance.*—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 11,93,297 including the amount of Rs. 10,92,549 available out of the debenture loan of Rs. 20 lakhs. The total receipts and the expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 11,61,988 and Rs. 20,15,816 including Rs. 6 lakhs invested in the State Huzur Treasury, respectively, leaving a closing balance of Rs. 3,39,469.

The income under octroi amounted to Rs. 2,45,915 (Rs. 2,41,045). The increase of nearly Rs. 4,900 was chiefly under "raw silk" which is ascertained to have been imported in larger quantities during the year under report. The collection under tolls which was carried out departmentally amounted Rs. 53,239 (Rs. 59,283). The decrease under this head is mainly due to lorries being increasingly used for the import of goods into the city instead of bullock carts.

7. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 3,87,961 and the current demand was Rs. 10,58,883. A sum of Rs. 9,29,229 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 5,17,615 at the close of the year.

The total demand under assessed taxes was Rs. 7,52,668 (Rs. 6,48,902) including the arrears of Rs. 2,86,766 outstanding at the beginning of the year. There was an increase of Rs. 36,742 in the current demand which was mainly due to the revision of assessment in the II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII divisions during the year. A sum of Rs. 3,57,306 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 3,95,362. The percentage of collection was as low as 47·47 (52·8). Government regret to observe that the collection work was, as in the previous year, quite unsatisfactory. There is no reason why the collection should be so low in the Municipality. There appears to be considerable slackness in the supervision of the work of the subordinates entrusted with collection work. The Municipal Commissioner is requested to devote his personal attention to this important work and see that the arrears are collected in full during this year.

8. *Incidence of Taxation.*—The incidence of taxationper head of population was Rs. 4-2-10 (Rs. 4-2-3).

9. *Public Works.*—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 1,39,398 (Rs. 1,59,700). The items of work carried out related chiefly to the construction of new roads and drains and buildings, among which may be mentioned the following :—

(i) Construction of a road to join to Kumbargundi Road.
(ii) Widening the deviation roads (i) south of the Wesleyan Mission High School, and (ii) south of Gangamachery.
(iii) Construction of drains in Srirampur and Narasimharaja Colonies.
(iv) Construction of the Ockad in Hosur Road and Jutka Stand in Chamarajpet.
(v) Formation of a cross road in Dharmambudhi tank and of a new road in Gandhi Nagar.

A sum of Rs. 2,86,065 was spent out of loan funds for the following works :—

| | | Rs. |
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| (i) For improving water-supply ... | ... | 57,990 |
| (ii) Advance for purchasing meters | ... | 16,680 |
| (iii) For tarring roads ... | ... | 58,476 |
| (iv) Advance for school buildings .... | .... | 76,586 |
| (v) For lay-outs and compensation | ... | 76,331 |
| Total | ... | 2,86,065 |

10. *Government Grant and City Improvement Works.*—Government granted a subsidy of Rs. 30,000 for water-supply and Rs. 30,000 for City Improvement Works. A sum of Rs. 29,706 was spent out of the latter, the important items being those noted below :—

(i) Construction of flush-latrines and urinals in different parts of the City.
(ii) Improving (a) the hydrants in the general market, and (b) the circle at the junction of the Sydney Road.
(iii) Levelling Mavalli tank bed and lowering the Dharmambudhi tank bed.
(iv) Constructing ornamental railings and building the Band Stand in the Silver Jubilee Park.
(v) Extending the vegetable yard in the City Market.

11. *Underground Drainage and other Works.*—A sum of Rs. 3,50,750 was sanctioned for underground drainage works in the City. The work is rapidly progressing under the control of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering and house connections are being insisted upon. A large number of drains were constructed in the interior of the city as well as in the extensions.

12. *Water Supply.*—The control of water-supply continued to vest in the Public Works Department. The work of extending the 18" water main from the Binny Mills to Basavangudi and the several southern extensions was completed during the year, the total outlay thereon being Rs. 1,57,475 including Rs. 7,960 spent for the improvement of water-supply to the Narasimharaja Colony. With the expansion of the City in several directions, the demand for the water-supply is on the increase and will continue to be so. The question of issuing revised rules for regulating the supply of water in the City is under the active consideration of Government.

13. *Public Health.*—The health of the City continued to be good. There were 23 attacks and 16 deaths from plague. The number of anti-plague inoculations performed was 2,164 (9,248); and the number of vaccinations 15,656 (11,734). Special attention was paid to the inspection of food stuffs. A separate Food Inspector for inspecting hotels and eating-houses has since been appointed. Nine hundred and thirty-five prosecutions were launched and 487 ended in conviction, fines to the extent of Rs. 2,418-4-0 having been realized. Anti-malaria and culex work was continued.

14. *Maternity and Child Welfare.*—Two Lady Health Visitors and 11 Midwives attended to this work under the supervision of the Health Officer and the number of labour cases attended to by the midwives was 2,311 (1,842). The Municipal Maternity Home and Belli-Mutt Creche continued to do good work.

15. *Public Instruction.*—The Municipal Council continued to be the Local Education Authority in respect of the Primary Schools in the Bangalore City. The total number of institutions under the control of the School Board was 60 (64) with 10,248 pupils as against 9,587 in the previous year. The total receipts under the Elementary Education Fund amounted to Rs. 1,13,299 (Rs. 1,11,110) including the Government grant of Rs. 61,955 and expenditure to Rs. 1,10,847 (Rs. 1,11,668). The construction of three school buildings was completed.

16. *Acquisition.*—A Special Land Acquisition Officer was temporarily appointed for a period of six months to expedite this work. A sum of Rs. 33,224 was paid as compensation out of the normal funds of the Municipality, while out of a lakh of rupees allotted for this purpose from Loan Funds, a sum of Rs. 74,853 was spent. The important properties acquired were the following :—

(i) Properties to the east of Subedar Chattram Road for the formation of an extension.
(ii) Properties in Gangamachery for developing the area near the Town Hall.
(iii) Properties for extending the Medical Institutions in the Fort.
(iv) Properties occupied by the Premier Metal Factory for extending Sri Narasimharaja Road.

17. *General.*—The periodical revision of assessment on lands and buildings in the City, for which a special staff had been appointed was completed.

As the normal work of the Engineering Department was itself very heavy for one officer and the additional work of lay-outs, acquisitions and town improvements imposed an undue strain on him, sanction was accorded to raise the status of the Municipal Engineer to that of an Executive Engineer and to give him a Gazetted assistant.

Arrangements were made to lease out 140 sites to Adikarnatakas at a ground rent of eight annas each a month.

Estimates for Rs. 36,000 and for Rs. 15,500 for (i) extending the Municipal Office building for providing more accommodation, and (ii) the construction of shops by the side of "The Iyengar Coffee Club," near the market circle, respectively, have since been sanctioned by Government.

The Municipal Council has recognised the need for providing housing facilities to all classes of people. One hundred and twenty-nine out of 586 scavengers and sweepers have been provided with quarters and a five-year programme has been drawn up for providing housing accommodation to the remaining menials. The lay-out of the Subedar Chattram Road extension has been approved, and the formation of a Park and a small extension to the east of the Maharaja Mills, Ltd., was also sanctioned.

The question of forming extensions near Kanakanapalya, Basavangudi, Malleswaram, Sri Rampuram and Kalasipalya is under the consideration of the Municipal Council.

The acquisition of properties for continuing the Silver Jubilee Park Road to join the Avenue Road and Pathrappa Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 99,790 has also been sanctioned.

Government note with approval that the Municipal Council is anxious (1) to improve the existing civic amenities in the matter of water-supply, lighting, drainage, lay-out of extensions for housing the poor and the provision of maternity

homes and also (2) to embark on a programme of public works calculated to bring credit to the administration of the premier municipality in the State. At the same time, Government regret to observe that the Municipal Council is not equally ready to find the necessary funds. The financial condition of the Municipal Council is steadily deteriorating. Arrears of assessed taxes are accumulating from year to year and no serious attempt is made either to husband the existing resources or to explore new sources of income. The dues to Government on account of water-supply are on the increase and the Municipal Council has defaulted in the payment of the very first instalment towards the sinking fund on the debenture loan. The Municipal Council is therefore requested to apply itself seriously to set matters right, as otherwise a time will soon arrive when it cannot meet even its inevitable expenditure on ordinary services from its normal revenues.

P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,*
*Local Self-Government Department.*

**Directs that the Travelling Allowances to Presidents and Vice-Presidents of District Boards should not together exceed Rs. 1,200 in any official year.**

READ—

Notification No. L. 5641—L. B. 31-31-9, dated 15th February 1932, directing that the travelling allowance admissible to the President and Vice-President of a District Board shall be subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,200 in any official year in the case of the President and Rs. 720 in any official year in the case of the Vice-President,

2. Extract of the report of the District Boards Finances Committee, recommending that for reasons given, the allotment of Rs. 720 in the budget of each District Board for travelling allowance to the Vice-President be retrenched and that, in exceptional cases, when the Vice-President has also to do touring work, his travelling allowance may be met from the allotment made in the budget for the travelling allowance of the President.

ORDER No. L. 5250-69—L. B. 83-38-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 23RD DECEMBER 1938.

As per notification dated 15th February 1932 read above, the Vice-President of a District Board is in receipt of travelling allowance from the funds of the District Board, subject to a maximum of Rs. 720 in any official year.

2. The District Boards Finances Committee consider that the major part of the work of the District Board is assigned to the Departments of Government like the Public Works, Medical and Veterinary, and that the only outdoor work which the President and Vice-President have to do is the inspection of minor roads, travellers' bungalows and musafirkhanas, and Ayurvedic and Unani Dispensaries and they are of the opinion that there is not adequate work for both the President and Vice-President touring out on inspection duty. They therefore recommend that the Vice-President need not generally do any touring work and that no separate allotment need be made in the budget of the District Board for his travelling allowance, but that in exceptional cases when he has also to go out on inspection duty, his travelling allowance may be met from the allotment made for the President.

3. Government accept the recommendation of the Committee and are accordingly pleased to direct that the touring work of both the President and the Vice-President should be so arranged as to avoid overlapping and that their travelling allowance should not together exceed Rs. 1,200 in any official year.

4. A notification will issue separately amending the existing rules in this behalf.

P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,*
*Local Self-Government Department.*

**Transfers the work of ameliorating the condition of the Depressed Classes from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.**

ORDER No. D. 5416-86—C. S. 47-38-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 13—15TH DECEMBER 1938.

In their Order No. 1318-68—C. B. 84-26-3, dated the 11th October 1926, Government directed that the work of ameliorating the social and economic conditions of the Depressed Classes be entrusted to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore. As most of such work, as for example—housing, relief of indebtedness, formation of agricultural colonies and the like—has to be carried on by the village panchayets, the municipalities and the revenue officers, Government consider that the Revenue Commissioner, who is the head of the Revenue Department and who administers the Village Panchayet Act, and under whose control are placed the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, who are responsible for the administration of the local bodies would be in a better position to attend to this work. They are, therefore, pleased to direct that the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore be appointed the Special Officer for the Depressed Classes.

2. The officers of the several departments dealing with the questions of labour and other social and economic conditions of Depressed Classes should give all necessary facilities to the Revenue Commissioner in the discharge of the work assigned to him.

3. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to include in the annual reports of his department, in future, a special section dealing on the work done by him in this behalf. The directions contained in the Government order dated 11th October 1926 referred to above are cancelled.

P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,*
*Local Self-Government Department.*

## FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

**Records the report on the working of the Government Savings Banks in the State for the year 1937-38.**

READ—

Letter No. S. B. 190, dated the 23rd November 1938, from the Comptroller, forwarding the report on the working of the Government Savings Banks in the State for the year 1937-38.

ORDER No. FL. 4004-16—G. F. 143-38-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND DECEMBER 1938.

Recorded.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
*Secretary to Government,*
*Financial Department.*

## GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

**Directs that the limit to the maximum number of questions to be put by a non-official member of the Legislative Council be raised from five to eight and that not more than four of them be starred.**

READ—

Government Order No. Rl. 269-346—L. C. 2-35-5, dated the 16th November 1936, accepting, among others, the recommendation of the Committee appointed for the examination and revision of the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council Acts and the rules and standing orders thereunder, that the maximum number of questions that a member may be allowed to put at any one session of the Legislative Council may be limited to five, of which not more than two might be starred for putting supplementary questions.